

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered. Twenty claims are pending in this application, numbered 1-20. There are six independent claims numbered 1, 5, 6, 13, 14 and 18.

The Examiner has allowed claims 1-10, 13 and 18-20. Claims 11-12 and 14-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claims 11 and 12 were amended so as to delete the phrase "has a natural shape in which it" considered indefinite by the Examiner and claim 14 was amended so as to recite "a flange" instead of "an apertured flange". It is believed that Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 have been resolved.

Allowance of this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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